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Good Afternoon Newhall School District Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe during this time. We have all been challenged with a rapid and disconcerting set of changes as we transition to a new, but temporary reality. You have previously received a communication from Superintendent Pelzel as to the closure of our schools until May 5th. It is heartwarming to see our community rally together (virtually) during this time, and our Newhall School District family is here to support our students and our families as we face this challenge together. Our plans instructionally are shifting from a maintenance of skills as we planned prior to Spring Break to a plan for continuous learning through an eLearning platform.

Our teachers and support staff have been working tirelessly to prepare for a longer than expected closure. Our teachers are currently engaging in intensive virtual training so that they are fully prepared to continue to provide meaningful instruction to students online during our closure. Starting on April 13th, all teachers will be using the Google Classroom platform to communicate with students and their parents, deliver instruction, and assign activities. This training and support for teachers will be ongoing throughout the school closure.

We realize that parents will need training and support as well as their students so that families can access the Google platform and maximize their use of the online resources provided. To that end, we are currently developing virtual parent trainings that will be available to all parents in the coming days and weeks. Stay tuned for these upcoming trainings! We also plan to have a dedicated tech hotline to help with any tech issues.

Additional communication will be coming to you shortly. We will be sharing information on student log-ins and passwords, technology support and other topics. In the meantime, stay safe and our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dee Jamison

Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services